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Winamac and Morocco Change Hours



After reviewing the number of clients utilizing the WorkOne sites in Winamac and Morocco and looking at the feasibility of providing additional support of solutions to all southern counties, a decision has been made to change their hours of operation. Effective **January 5, 2009**, the new hours of operation will begin and are as follows:

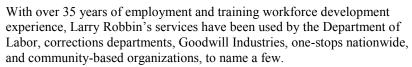
Winamac will be open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays only. Winamac staff will work at the Knox office on Mondays, Thursdays, and Fridays, providing services to both Knox and Winamac clients.

Morocco will be open Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays only. The Morocco staff will work at the Rensselaer office on Thursdays and Fridays, providing services to both Rensselaer and Morocco clients.

The Rensselaer and Knox offices will remain open five days per week. We are confident that the change of hours at Winamac and Morocco, along with the additional staff support at Knox and Rensselaer, will not disrupt the excellent services being provided to all communities involved.

Jail to Jobs Workshop a Success

The Center of Workforce Innovations was pleased to bring in national trainer, Larry Robbin on November 20th, to facilitate an all-day workshop to help the ex-offender population re-enter the job market. Attended by 50 people, many who drove several hours from various parts of the state, the workshop was a success. Several WorkOne folks participated in this lively, interactive, and insightful training, that left many wanting more!







Participants were provided useful take-home work booklets, resources, and tools, and were presented with Certificates of Completion. The full day allowed an opportunity for extensive networking, while participants stayed active in sharing and group learning activities.

Stay tuned for future Larry Robbin programs coming to our area—we'll keep you posted!

A Letter Worth Sharing

Recently, the Michigan City WorkOne received a "thank you" card from a client who felt compelled to write regarding her experience — we, in turn, feel compelled to share the letter with you. It goes to show that our WorkOne staff go above and beyond!



Carla,

A few months ago, I was having the worst time trying to get my unemployment straightened out. It felt like no one was listening to me. You totally went above and beyond to help me and my situation. Had you not stepped in to help me—I'm sure it would have taken even longer to get resolved. Thanks to you, I was able to catch up on my bills and buy my daughter some school clothes. I just want to say thank you so much for going above and beyond.

Thank you & God Bless,

Katrina

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